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DIVINE HEALING
Mark 16:9-20

History repeats itself.
310.

INT. Text omitted from Revised Standard Version of 1952.
Evidence then and subsequently proves they belong!!!!!!
If omitted, truths still found confirmed elsewhere!!
Divine Healing rears its head periodically. Needs study!

I. CONTEXT SUGGESTS THEIR NEED OF DIVINE HEALING THEN.

- A. Two of Christ's appearances listed in vs. 9 and 12.
- B. Each appearance led to reports of Res. to others. 10.
- C. Each report exposed grave doubts in Christ. 11 and 13.
- D. Jesus scolded the 11 apostles in person. vs. 14.
- E. Great Commission then given to these doubters. 15-16.
- F. Question: How would they **convince** others? Signs! 17-18.
- G. Book closes with miracles confirming the Word. 19-20.

II. HOW DID DIVINE HEALING FIT INTO THE N. T. PICTURE?

- A. Christ's Way new, needed confirmation, proofs. V. 20.
- B. Nothing written yet, so no recorded proofs. V. 20.
- C. Apostles and disciples needed help. Matt. 10:16-22*.
- D. Preachers needed protection-hostile world. V. 18.

III. WHO WAS GIVEN THE POWER TO HEAL MIRACULOUSLY?

- A. Every convert? Then explain diversity of gifts? IC. 12
- B. Primarily: Apostles as begin in new fields. Vs. 15-18
- C. Secondarily: Working converts of Apostles. II T. 1:6.
- D. Thirdly: Members as and when needed them. I C. 12:28
- E. Miracles not always to be needed: I Cor. 12:31, then 13:8-10. Time and revelation will render special helps unwarranted. Jas. 1:25. II Tim. 3:16-17.
- F. HISTORY: Recording of miracles cease after the death of the Apostles. Only ones who could pass it on.

IV. A LOOK AT THE CONFIRMING SIGNS.

- A. Cast out Devils. Paul did. Acts 19:11-12.
We cannot classify them, much less cast them out.
- B. Speak with New Tongues. Cornelius did. Acts 10:46.
With completed revelation, what purpose today???
- C. Take up Serpents. Paul did this too. A. 28:3-5.
 - 1. **Contrast:** Dolly Pond tragedys and death of Geo. W. Hensley by snake bite. (See snake in file)
 - 2. **NEED** today can be tested. Who will handle them???
- D. **IF DRINK** deadly Poison. No Bible case given.
- E. Lay hands on the sick. Paul did! Acts 28:8.
 - 1. Our remedy: Use best medicines available and pray earnestly. James 5:13-16.*
 - 2. **OFFER:** \$100 to anyone who can cure by faith-only and laying on of hands, cancer, T. B., polio.
Verified by two reputable physicians.

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- F. **VS.** 20. Word confirmed with signs & miracles.
- G. By **OUR fruits** men shall know us, today. **Fakers!!**
1. **III.** Wichita Falls divine healer hurriedly left town when storm blew tent down injuring many.
 2. **III.** Galveston's Faith-Healer's daughter rushed from meeting place to hospital for appendectomy. Why not **pray** and **lay hands** on her?
 3. **III.** Connor Community science-practitioner read 8 yr. old child to death. Ruptured appendix.

INV: **CHRISTIANS** want what the Lord wants, **way** He wants it.

Power unto salvation is the Word. Rom. 1:16.
Acts 2:38.

Power unto restoration is Rep. & Prayer. Acts 8:22.

Identify.